

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 173

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the East Tennessee Women's Leadership Summit upon the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the East Tennessee Women's Economic Summit began in 2005 as an outgrowth of the work of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women, providing education and training on economic issues to women in East Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the planning committee agreed to shift the focus of the Summit to build leadership skills in women; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Summit are to help women in East Tennessee Live, Learn, and Lead, in all aspects of their lives. That means women should be able to live consciously, learn continuously, and lead courageously; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the committee established the Lizzie Crozier French Women's Leadership Award to memorialize a Knoxville suffragist who demonstrated outstanding leadership in numerous aspects of her life. Recipients of the award to date are Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Sharon Lee, and Scripps Networks Interactive Executive Vice President Cynthia Gibson; and

WHEREAS, the East Tennessee Women's Leadership Council is an all-volunteer team of women who share a common interest in improving the lives of women in East Tennessee. The women come from diverse backgrounds and industries, including counseling, chemistry, finance, marketing, law, consumer science, politics, training, and public relations. These volunteers donate countless hours throughout the year planning the Summit and providing quarterly Leadership Salons; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the East Tennessee Women's Leadership Summit is that women in East Tennessee will realize and own their true potential, strength, and power; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate the East Tennessee Women's Leadership Summit and the East Tennessee Women's Leadership Council on ten years of service and support to women in East Tennessee, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation and transmitted to the East Tennessee Women's Leadership Council, c/o Deb Schmitz, 117 Canaly Lane, Loudon, Tennessee 37774, with this final clause omitted from such copy.